# THE GIANTS, WEEK OF JUNE 2-7, 1969

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SCOTLAND YARD
LONDON, 1822- WITH VIRTUALLY NO ORGANIZED POLICE FORCE TO COMBAT IT, CRIME THROUGHOUT ENGLAND CONTINUES TO SPIRAL UPWARD, AND THE NEW HOME SECRETARY, ROBERT PEEL, DETERMINES TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT..
..YOU CERTAINLY HAVEN'T WASTED ANY TIME, SIR ROBERT!..
...ONE MONTH IN OFFICE, AND YOU'VE ALREADY DRAWN UP A BILL TO REFORM OUR POLICE STRUCTURE!
WE MUST KEEP ABREAST OF THE PROBLEM... CRIME KNOWS NO CALENDAR!
...BUT THOSE PROPOSALS ARE MERELY DECOYS TO PROTECT MY REAL GOAL-A CENTRAL POLICE AUTHORITY!
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SCOTLAND YARD
BRITISH HOME SECRETARY, SIR ROBERT PEEL, PONDERS THE PROBLEM OF BRITAIN'S RISING CRIME RATE AND CONFUSED, VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT POLICE PROTECTION..
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CERTAINLY, SIR ROBERT! WITH DECENT CITIZENS AFRAID TO WALK THE STREETS, IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE!
.. AND THAT INCLUDES THE LAW ITSELF.
LAW ENFORCEMENT CAN BE ONLY AS GOOD AS THE LAWS BEING ENFORCED!
.. AGREED, SIR HENRY. BUT OUR PROBLEM REMAINS THE SAME...
..PROVING THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN POLICE AUTHORITY, AND A POLICE STATE!

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WHAT WAS THAT, SIR ROBERT?
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I BELIEVE I'VE THE ANSWER TO ELIMINATION OF ONE OF OUR GREATEST POLICE PROBLEMS-DISCIPLINE
WE'LL PROVIDE OUR MEN WITH UNIFORMS. THAT SHOULD GIVE A SENSE OF PRIDE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT...
...NOT TO MENTION CESSATION OF PETTY JEALOUSIES!
WHAT MAN CAN QUARREL FOR LONG WITH HIS MIRROR IMAGE?

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SCOTLAND YARD
1824- ROBERT PEEL'S ATTEMPTS AT LAW REFORM HAVE MET WITH LITTLE SUCCESS IN THE HOUSE, AND HE IS FORCED TO PUT ASIDE HIS PLANS FOR AWHILE.
...MATE YOU SEE WHAT IT SAYS ABOUT PEEL'S REFORMS? ... IT'S DIFFICULT TO MIX AN EFFECTIVE POLICE SYSTEM WITH SOCIETY'S FREEDOMS.
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...DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT, BUT I DO KNOW PLENTY OF FOLKS DON'T FEEL FREE TO WALK THE STREETS AT NIGHT!
BLOOMIN' TRUTH, THAT...
...THESE BE EVIL TIMES—SEEMS TO BE NOTHING IN THE AIR BUT CRIME...
...AYE, MATE, AND NOWHERE FOR A DECENT CITIZEN TO TURN... THEM OF US LEFT, THAT IS...

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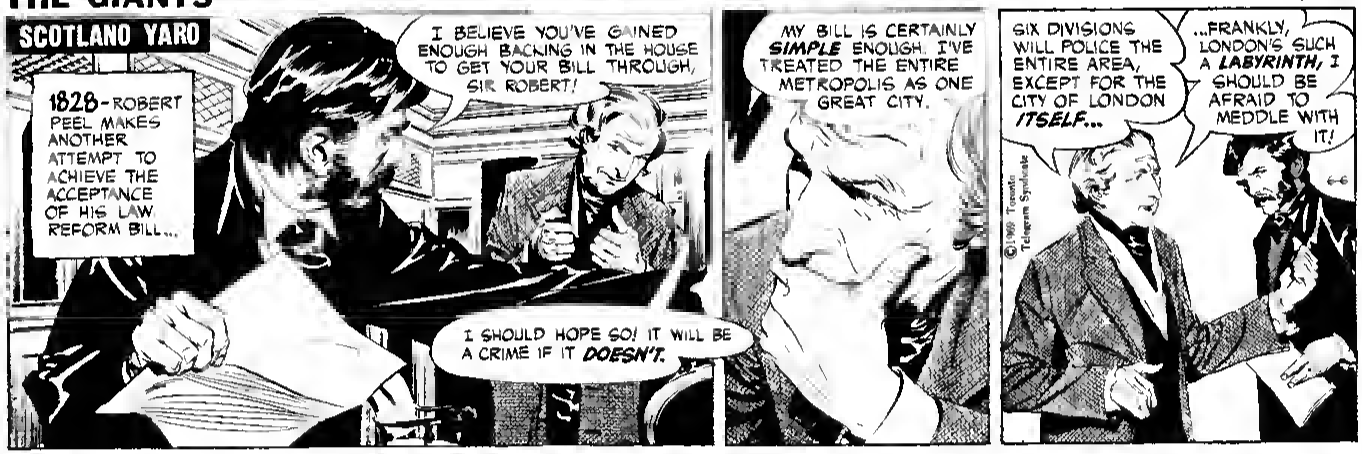
SCOTLAND YARD
1828- ROBERT PEEL MAKES ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF HIS LAW REFORM BILL...
I BELIEVE YOU'VE GAINED ENOUGH BACKING IN THE HOUSE TO GET YOUR BILL THROUGH, SIR ROBERT!
I SHOULD HOPE SO! IT WILL BE A CRIME IF IT DOESN'T.
MY BILL IS CERTAINLY SIMPLE ENOUGH. I'VE TREATED THE ENTIRE METROPOLIS AS ONE GREAT CITY.
SIX DIVISIONS WILL POLICE THE ENTIRE AREA, EXCEPT FOR THE CITY OF LONDON ITSELF...
...FRANKLY, LONDON'S SUCH A LABYRINTH, I SHOULD BE AFRAID TO MEDDLE WITH IT!
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SCOTLAND YARD
ADMITTEDLY, GENTLEMEN, MY PLAN IS NOT SUBTLE IN SCOPE, BUT WE MUST HAVE A COMPLETE BREAK FROM THE PAST!
WITH THE AID OF A NEW PRIME MINISTER, SIR ROBERT PEEL'S LAW REFORM BILL FINALLY IS PASSED IN 1829, BUT THERE ARE STILL SOME WHO FEAR THE POTENTIAL POWER OF THE POLICE...
...THIS BILL WILL TERMINATE THE VESTED INTERESTS THAT HAVE STYMIED US!
...WE CAN ONLY HOPE YOU'RE CORRECT, SIR ROBERT. BUT YOU'VE FAILED TO PROPOSE A SITE FOR A HEADQUARTERS...
I'VE A PLACE IN MIND. IT'S THE SITE OF A PALACE, FORMERLY USED DURING VISITS BY THE KING OF SCOTLAND...
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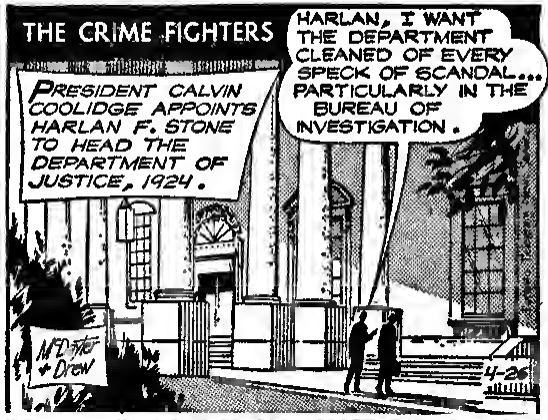
THE CRIME FIGHTERS
PRESIDENT CALVIN COOLIDGE APPOINTS HARLAN F. STONE TO HEAD THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, 1924.
HARLAN, I WANT THE DEPARTMENT CLEANED OF EVERY SPECK OF SCANDAL... PARTICULARLY IN THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.
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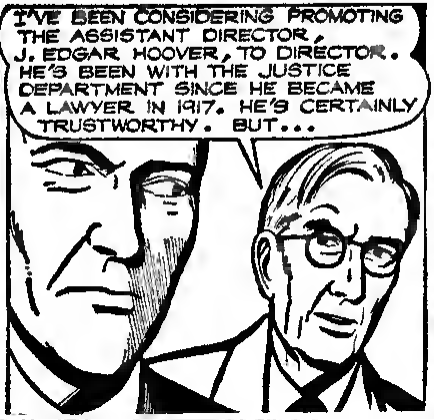
I'VE BEEN CONSIDERING PROMOTING THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, J. EDGAR HOOVER, TO DIRECTOR. HE'S BEEN WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SINCE HE BECAME A LAWYER IN 1917. HE'S CERTAINLY TRUSTWORTHY. BUT...

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THE CRIME FIGHTERS
AT 29, J. EDGAR HOOVER ON MAY 10, 1924, BECOMES DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.
I ACCEPT ON ONE CONDITION... A FREE HAND TO WEED OUT POLITICAL APPOINTEES IN THE BUREAU.
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THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT THE PRESIDENT EXPECTS, HOOVER. THERE'S BEEN TOO MUCH PATRONAGE, FAVORITISM AND SCANDAL IN THE BUREAU.
ATTORNEY GENERAL HARLAN F. STONE
YOU'VE A BIG JOB AHEAD, REPAIRING ITS REPUTATION. FOR NOW, YOU'LL BE ACTING DIRECTOR. YOU'LL HAVE TO PROVE YOURSELF BEFORE THE JOB'S PERMANENTLY YOURS...
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THE CRIME FIGHTERS
AS ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, WHAT REFORMS DO YOU PLAN, MR. HOOVER?
FIRST I'LL DISMISS THE POLITICAL APPOINTEES FROM AMONG OUR 441 AGENTS, REPLACING THEM WITH LAWYERS AND ACCOUNTANTS.
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SECOND, I'LL CIRCULATE THIS LETTER AMONG DISTRICT HEADS, CALLING FOR A NEW CODE OF CONDUCT.
THIS WON'T MAKE YOU POPULAR, EDGAR.
ANY AGENT CAUGHT DRINKING, EVEN PRIVATELY, WILL BE INSTANTLY DISMISSED? RATHER STERN, ISN'T IT?
BUT NECESSARY. ONE SCANDAL, AND THERE ARE CRITICS WHO COULD CONVINCE THE GOVERNMENT TO DISBAND THE BUREAU.

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THE CRIME FIGHTERS
DEC. 10, 1924.
HOOVER, I MUST HAND IT TO YOU, YOU'VE MADE MAGNIFICENT STRIDES REFORMING THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION IN 7 MONTHS. AS OF NOW, YOU'RE PROMOTED FROM ACTING DIRECTOR TO FULL DIRECTOR.
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YOU CAN BE SURE THE BUREAU WILL BE A CREDIT TO YOU AND THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, MR. STONE.
BUT ONE THING WORRIES ME...
PARTLY DUE TO PROHIBITION, PASSED FOUR YEARS AGO, OUR COUNTRY'S ENTERING AN ERA OF LAWLESSNESS UNPARALLELED IN HISTORY. YET OUR AGENTS CAN'T EVEN CARRY A GUN, EXCEPT ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS!
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